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## TO FORECAST WATER SUPPLY

Through Water Resource Service of Weather Bureau

### WORK ALREADY BEGUN

L. N. Jesunofsky of the Climatological Service Talks Interestingly of This Praise-Worthy Undertaking.

L. N. Jesunofsky, section director of the Arizona Climatological Service, with headquarters at Phoenix, arrived in Flagstaff Tuesday evening. When seen by the Sun reporter at the Weatherford hotel, Mr. Jesunofsky said:

"My visit to Coconino county is for the purpose of placing snow bins and tree scales on the mountains for the purpose of measuring the snowfall. Snow bins consist of five 5x5 boxes, and tree scales of pegs placed one foot apart in trees.

"We wish to obtain as many of these stations as possible for the purpose of obtaining the actual depth of snowfall in its relation to 'run-off,' or water supply. I shall, if possible, cover all the principal mountain heights of Coconino with stations of this class by which we can pretty accurately forecast the coming season's water supply.

"This service is being established throughout the Rocky mountain region, and is the outcome of the recent consultation of governors and the president with respect to the conservation of natural resources. While it is an extensive work it will cost but a moderate sum, and is certain to yield gratifying results.

"My plan and purposes are to place in this vicinity a snow bin, a tree scale, a platform ten feet square, and a ten-inch pipe ten feet long, to note the difference in snow measurements between these four instruments when placed several hundred feet apart.

"We realize that it is a difficult matter to ascend mountain heights during the winter season, nevertheless we shall endeavor to obtain the readings of snowfall at the higher elevations as accurately as possible, for upon this basis rests the success of the water resource service of the weather bureau.

"I have just had a very satisfactory consultation with Mr. Drake, your acting forest supervisor, with a view to having the Forest Service co-operate with the weather bureau in placing as many snow fall stations in this region as can be reasonably expected. Mr. Powers of the forest supervisor's office will accompany me on my drive to Eldon mountain today.

"So far we have succeeded in placing six snow bins and six snow scales upon the east end of the San Francisco range, having returned from an elevation of 8,500 feet. The bins and scales are approximately located at the 8,000 ft., the 7,500 ft., the 7,300 ft., and the 7,000 ft levels respectively.

"My visit yesterday was at the forest experiment station, located at Fort Valley, nine miles northwest of Flagstaff, under the supervision of G. A. Pearson, where I have located one or two snow bins, and several tree scales.

"The experimental work—that is where a snow bin, a tree scale, a platform, and a tube are located and their measurements compared—will be carried on at the ranch of T. W. Brookbank on one of the higher levels of Eldon mountain.

"This will complete my duties around Flagstaff until there are more funds available.

"When it is realized that the weather bureau during the past ten years has made accurate forecasts of the flood stages in the Mississippi and Missouri drainage systems there is no reason why that with the means at its command for measuring the snowfall in the Rocky mountain region, the weather bureau cannot accurately forecast the water supply in the semi-arid region of the west."

A branch of the Western Federation of Miners was organized in Gallup the past week.

## A DAYLIGHT BURGLARY.

Brown's Jewelry Store Burglarized at 7 o'clock in Morning.

One of the most daring burglaries that has occurred in Flagstaff during the present hobo season was the robbery of Brown's jewelry store at 7 o'clock Monday morning. The large glass window opposite the Weatherford hotel was smashed in and a big sixshooter and a box of cartridges taken. Miss Dugger, the bookkeeper at Coffin's, heard the smashing of the window, but supposed that Brown was in the store, and had had an accident of some kind. Frank Brooks who has a bedroom over Brown's, heard the crash, but as it was daylight he too supposed that Brown was in the store, and that he had merely had an accident of some kind.

The only way of accounting for the burglarly being committed in daylight is that the burglar had had such a poor night that he decided to put in a little overtime. The only other work in his line that had been done the night before of which we could learn was the smashing in of a 10x15 plate glass window in the old drug store building opposite the depot, and used as a sample room. So far the thief has not been apprehended.

## TO REIMBURSE COCONINO

District Attorney Doe Believes Congress Should Grant Relief to Coconino, Yavapai and Pima.

To the Editor: The statehood acts introduced in the present Congress by our Delegate, Hon. M. A. Smith, and by Senator Foraker, alike provide for a donation of land to protect Pima county from bonds issued for railroad construction, which were declared void by the U. S. Supreme court, but were subsequently validated by Act of Congress. The railroad bond indebtedness of Yavapai and Coconino counties is in precisely the same situation as that of Pima county.

The provision in behalf of Pima county is probably copied from an older bill prepared before the Pima county bonds were funded, and is now inapplicable for the reason that those bonds are now funded and assumed by the territory; and because another clause in the bills mentioned provides for a grant of land to the territory to provide a fund for the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the several counties assumed by the territory, under the funding act. The counties of Pima, Yavapai and Coconino have, however paid a large sum in interest upon the bonds in question; and as the necessity for making those payments was imposed upon the counties in question, solely by reason of the action of Congress, it is but equitable that the enabling act should contain some provision for reimbursing those counties for such payments. I am calling the attention of the people of Yavapai and Pima counties to the matter in the belief that united action upon the part of the citizens of the three counties interested may be taken which will result in substantial benefit.

Coconino county should be entitled to further relief in view of the fact that the majority of the lands within its boundaries having been embraced within forest reserves and game preserves, are with drawn from taxation, thus throwing the entire burden of maintaining county government, so far as real property is concerned upon town property and the small remaining area most of which is comparatively worthless. Probably no other county in the country has been so injured in this respect. I believe it is the intention of Congress to admit this territory under exceptionally liberal terms. Prompt action of some sort is of great importance. Doubtless if we call attention to the matter forwarding full data, the present legislature will pass a memorial urging upon Congress some form of suitable relief.

EDWARD M. DOE.

J. C. Phy, an Arizona pioneer died last week at Florence at the age of 72 years.

## ATTACKS THE FOREST SERVICE

The Unreliability of Forest Service Employees

### A BYWORD OF THE WEST

Says E. S. Gosney in an Address Before the National Wool Growers' Association at Pocatello, Idaho.

Pocatello, Idaho, Jan. 15.—The second day's session of the convention of the National Wool Growers' association in this city was marked by another attack on the forest reserves. E. S. Gosney of Flagstaff, Arizona, in an address this afternoon, declared that justice to the sheepmen of the west demands a change in the present methods of administering range control.

"The power of the forest service is three-fold, legislative, executive and judicial," said he.

"They may make their own laws or rules, decide our rights and enforce their own. In this function of the service lies the greatest danger. It passes upon our rights, involving thousands of dollars, often without evidence, save reports from forest employees, whose unreliability is a byword in the west! Mr. Gosney asserted that he could cite numerous instances in Arizona where favoritism, prejudice and graft have entered into the administration of the national forests.

Continuing, he said: "A wrong-doer within the ranks of the navy or military service is tried before a courtmartial, which has the power to summon and examine witnesses as in the other courts, but with this army of the forest service dealing directly with the rights of the people, no such power is given. A limit must be placed upon the possibilities of the wrong-doer within the forest service as well as elsewhere in the government service."

[The foregoing dispatch is reprinted from the Denver Republican of January 17, 1909.]

## LEGISLATURE CONVENES

Hunt President of the Council—Webb Speaker of the House.

The Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly of Arizona convened in Phoenix last Monday. George W. P. Hunt of Gila was elected president of the council, and Sam Webb of Maricopa was chosen speaker of the house. Breen of Coconino was the minority candidate for president of the council and received the votes of S. E. Day of Apache and George W. P. Hunt, the democratic candidate. After the organization had been effected the president of the council appointed the following

**Standing Committees.**  
Military and Indians—Breen, Day, Morgan.  
Mines and Mining—Goodrich, Burns, Weedon, Hampton, St. Charles.  
Corporations—Norton, Finley, Morgan, O'Neill, Burns.  
Ways and Means—Weedon, Day, Finley.  
Federal Relations—Weedon, Finley, Breen.  
Printing—St. Charles, O'Neill, Weedon, Breen, Finley.  
Territorial Affairs—Morgan, Burns, Day, Weedon, Norton.  
Memorials and Petitions—Burns, St. Charles, Morgan.  
Enrolling and Engrossing—Hampton, Weedon, Breen.  
Education—Morgan, Hampton, and Goodrich.  
Judiciary—O'Neill, Hampton, Goodrich, Morgan, Burns.  
Counties and County Boundaries—Burns, St. Charles, Norton, Goodrich, Finley.  
Claims—Day, Norton, St. Charles.  
Agriculture—Hampton, O'Neill, Norton.  
Roads and Ferries—Finley, Morgan, St. Charles.  
Rules—St. Charles, O'Neill, Breen.  
Forest ranger W. H. Campbell will arrive this evening from Ash Fork to spend several days in city.

## PORCUPINES, HEDGEHOGS

May Be Killed Within the Grand Canyon Game Preserve.

Acting Forest Supervisor Willard A. Darke has issued a circular letter to Forest officers to the effect that the Secretary of Agriculture has amended the regulation governing the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve to allow the killing of porcupines and hedgehogs within that game preserve. There fore in accordance with this amendment, porcupines and hedgehogs are within the list of animals classed as predatory, and may be killed without permit upon the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve.

Miss Sharlot Hall, the accomplished literary writer, is engaged in compiling a history of Arizona. She has spent many years in getting up data and is now in a position to place this matter in a very able manner before the people. Arizona needs a history, one for the public schools and one for general reading, and Miss Hall expects to fill the want. She is an elegant, smooth and telling writer, and our territory will undoubtedly find her work of lasting value.—Arizona Democrat.

## RANGE AND MARKET NEWS

Items of Interest Pertaining to the Live Stock Industry in Arizona—Market for the Past Week.

Frank Owenby made a shipment of beef cattle to the coast Thursday.

Charles Howard stated while here this week that he expected to ship 2000 ewes south from Ash Fork Sunday night to lamb on the desert.

One of the largest stock deals of last week was closed yesterday when the title to the cattle and horses branded in the "Zigzag" and "YW" brands passed from Deputy Sheriff Joe Cook to C. E. Stewart. The stock ranges in Williamson valley and adjacent ranges.—Prescott Journal-Miner.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 18.—Cattle receipts here last week footed up nearly 50,000 head, and there was a liberal percentage of hay fed cattle from Colorado and the Southwest, and of sugar mill cattle from Northern Colorado included. The market had a weak tone every day except Friday, when the week closed with a slightly firmer feeling.

Run today is 10,000 head, several thousand head less than a week ago, and as other markets have receipts about 30 per cent less than on last Monday, prices are steady to strong as compared with last Friday. Buyers have favored medium priced steers for the last week or two, which makes cattle from the range suffer only the minimum of declines. Top on hay fed steers last week was \$6.65, and on sugar mill steers \$5.50, ranging downwards in both classes to \$4.50, cows \$3.50 to \$5.25. Demand for stockers and feeders fell off last week, and prices closed 25 to 40 cents lower, although choice Colorado feeders brought \$4.90, and stockers up to \$4.70. New Mexico and Utah stockers ranged from \$3.50 to \$4.65, cows \$3.00 to \$4.75, bulls \$3.25 to \$4.00. Receipts from the range country are small today.

Sheep and lambs lost ground last week, and closed 25 to 40 cents below the high figures of Monday and Tuesday. Run was 38,000 for the week, about the same as corresponding week a year ago. The supply is 7000 head today, market steady, top lambs today \$7.45, not extra quality, ewes today at \$5.30.

Some medium class Monte Vista yearlings brought \$6.25 today, and lambs in same shipment \$7.25. Best yearlings are worth \$6.60, wethers at \$4.75 to \$5.75. Receipts so far are mainly from feed lots in native territory, but receipts from Colorado will predominate this week. Texas sent in two or three shipments last week, which sold to packers, ewes at \$4.50, wethers \$4.80 and \$5.00, yearlings \$6.50. Feeding lambs are worth \$5.75 to \$6.50. J. A. RICKART.

## BRIGHT ANGEL TRAIL CASE AGAIN

Comes Before Supreme Court for the Nineteenth Time

### DOE ARGUES FOR COUNTY

Decision of Supreme Court Not Likely to Be Handed Down Before the Middle of March.

Judge Edward M. Doe returned Friday from Phoenix where he argued the Bright Angel trail case before the supreme court.

It has been said that Arizona would hardly feel that its supreme court had held a session unless the Bright Angel trail case had been before that august body. This was the nineteenth action in the same case. The style of the case was E. H. Duffield vs. H. F. Ashurst, being an action of mandamus instituted for the purpose of compelling H. F. Ashurst, as district attorney of Coconino county, to issue quo warranto proceedings against R. H. Cameron, seeking to oust him from the exercise of the Bright Angel trail road franchise.

The case of the appellants was argued by T. J. Norton, general attorney for the Santa Fe, with headquarters at Chicago, and W. T. Clotfelter of Los Angeles, and Judge Edward M. Doe of Flagstaff, for the appellees.

The railroad attorneys contended that the toll road act of the last legislature was unconstitutional, inasmuch as it favored one interested party against another.

Judge Doe in behalf of Cameron and the county made a very able argument. He took the position that the petitioner was not the real party interested, but had only loaned the use of his name to the A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co. which was prosecuting the case solely in its own personal interest; that the petitioner was not shown by the complaint to have the slightest interest in the matter, and that no one could be heard to question the constitutionality of the law without showing that he was personally injured by its enforcement, and that Coconino county was a necessary party to any quo warranto proceedings instituted for the purpose of determining the validity of the franchise in question. In course of his argument Judge Doe sarcastically said that in view of the well known distinguished ability of the railway company's council it was obvious that in prosecuting so many actions, without long since forcing a hearing upon the merits, they could be actuated by no other motive than a desire to harass Cameron and the county by incessant litigation. In closing Judge Doe presented a strong argument in behalf of the constitutionality of the statute in question.

It is not expected that the decision of the supreme court will be handed down before March.

## To Wed in Denver.

Miss Ramona Rollins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rollins, formerly of Flagstaff, will be married in Denver, on January 29. The wedding invitation is as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. Warren Eliphalet Rollins request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Ramona, to Mr. Joseph Brown Warner, on Friday evening, January twenty-ninth at eight o'clock. Twenty-three hundred and twenty-two Ash street.

## Harvard's New President.

Prof. Abbott Lawrence Lowell has been elected by the Harvard Corporation to succeed President Eliot. He is a trustee of the Lowell Institute of Boston, and is the author of many books and pamphlets, including "Essays on Government" and "The Influence of Party Upon Legislation in England and America." The selection of Prof. Abbott Lowell to guide the destinies of Harvard is of interest to our readers inasmuch as he is a brother of Prof. Percival Lowell who uses Flagstaff as a base for his astronomical observations.